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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Serial Number: 10/655,568

Examiner: WOODWARD, Ana L.

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For: ANTI-BACTERIAL POLYMER AND METHOD FOR THE  
PREPARATION THEREOF, ANTI-BACTERIAL POLYMER FILM  
AND METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF, AND  
ARTICLE HAVING SUCH A FILM ON THE SURFACE THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 8, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, the Applicants hereby elect claims 1-2 and 5-15 and the species "polyimide".

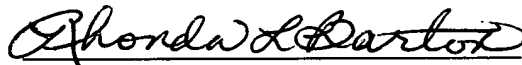
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-2 and 5-15 are generic to all species. Accordingly, Applicants, upon the allowance of generic Claims 1-2 and 5-15, retain the right to request rejoinder of the non-elected species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected subject matter.

Accordingly, timely examination and favorable action on the claims is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 026390-00010.

Respectfully submitted,



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